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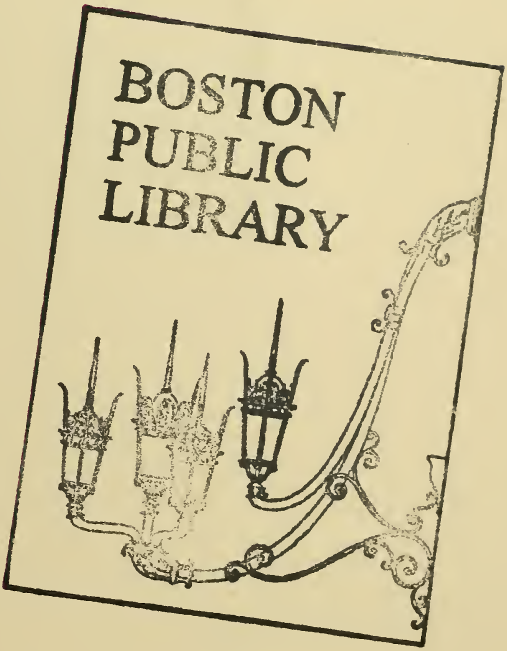

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Harvard University Museums

The building houses: Museum of Comparative Zoology (495-2463)
Botanical Museum-Glass Flowers Exhibit (495-2358)
Mineralogical Museum (495-2356)
Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology (495-2248)

Oxford St. and Divinity Ave. entrances. Hours: 9-4:30 Mon.-Sat., 1-4:30 Sun. **Fee for Glass Flowers.**

Fogg Art Museum

Collections include European Old Masters, French Impressionist paintings and drawings, Oriental, Ancient, Medieval and later sculpture, photography, and changing exhibits.

32 Quincy St. 617-495-2387. Hours: 9-5 Mon.-Fri., 10-5 Sat., 2-5 Sun.

Busch-Reisinger Museum

Collection includes Germanic art of all periods, especially medieval and 20th-century art. Organ concerts.

29 Kirkland St. 617-495-2338 or 2317. Hours: 9-4:45 Mon.-Sat.

Longfellow National Historic Site

Once the headquarters for George Washington in Cambridge, the house was later given to Longfellow as a wedding present. The poet's family furnishings, and memorabilia of many well-known Americans of his day are exhibited. Formal garden.

105 Brattle St. 617-876-4491. Hours: 9-4:30 Daily. **Fee**

Mount Auburn Cemetery

The first garden cemetery in the country has many flowering paths and graves of notable persons including Mary Baker Eddy, Julia Ward Howe, Winslow Homer, Charles Bulfinch, Edwin Booth, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Isabella Stewart Gardner, H. W. Longfellow.

Mount Auburn St.

Francis Russell Hart Nautical Museum

Photographs, plans and ship models are included in a collection of maritime history belonging to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

77 Massachusetts Ave. 617-253-5942. Hours: 9-10 Daily.

Hayden Gallery

Contemporary art collection owned by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Sculpture garden.

160 Memorial Drive (building #14 W-111). 617-253-4680. Hours: 10-4 Mon.-Sat.

There are many fine pieces of contemporary sculpture displayed on the M.I.T. campus, including works by Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, Pablo Picasso, Henry Moore, Tony Smith, and Jacques Lipschitz.

For information and guides to the campus, contact the Information Office, Building 7, Room 111, M.I.T.

Take Route 2 west to *Arlington*:

The Arlington Historical Society

Historic Jason Russell House built 1680 contains 17th- and 18th-century furnishings.

7 Jason St. 617-648-4300. Hours: April-Nov. 2-5 Tues.-Sat. **Fee**

Old Schwamb Mill

A tour through this 19th-century mill includes watching working craftsmen demonstrate their skills in woodworking and pottery. Crafts classes and salesroom.

17 Mill Lane (off Lowell Street). 617-643-0554. Hours: 9-4 Tues.-Sat. Tour by appointment. **Fee for tour only.**

Take Massachusetts Avenue to *Lexington*:

Lexington Historical Society

Monroe Tavern, Hancock-Clarke House, and Buckman Tavern are historic buildings near the site of the first battle of the Revolution which took place on the Lexington Green. Exhibits include period furnishings and local history artifacts.

1 Bedford St. (opposite Battle Green) 617-861-0928. Hours: April 19-Oct. 31, 10-5 Mon.-Sat., 1-5 Sun. **Fee.** *(Buckman Tavern: during August 10-8 Mon.-Sat., 1-8 Sun.)*

Museum of Our National Heritage

Changing exhibits of American history with occasional films.

33 Marrett Rd. (Mass. Ave. at Route 2A) 617-861-6559. Hours: 9:30-4:30 Mon.-Sat., 12-5:30 Sun.

Minuteman National Historic Park: Battle Road Visitor Center

Exhibits and movie, *To Keep Our Liberty.*

Off Route 2A. 617-862-7753. Hours: Nov. 1-March 31 8:30-5:00, Wed.-Sun.; April 1-Oct. 31 8:30-5:30 Daily.

Take Route 2 west to *Lincoln*:

Codman House "The Grange"

Georgian country mansion in formal setting displays variety of family furnishings. Italianate garden being restored. Owned and maintained by Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities.

Codman Rd. 617-227-3956 (SPNEA). Hours: June 1-Sept. 30, 1-5 Tues., Thurs., Sun. **Fee.**

DeCordova and Dana Museum and Park

Changing exhibits, classes, festivals, and summer concerts on 30-acre park.

Sandy Pond Rd. 617-259-8355. Hours: 10-5 Tues.-Fri., 12-5 Sat., 1:30-5 Sun. **Fee** *(School groups by appointment.)*

Drumlin Farm Education Center

This Massachusetts Audubon Society sanctuary is also a typical New England working farm. Natural history tours and weekend sleigh rides.

South Great Rd. (Rte. 117). 617-259-9807. Hours: 9-5 Daily. **Fee for non-members.**

Take Route 2 west to *Concord*:

The Museum of the Concord Antiquarian Society

Collections include furnished period rooms which trace the town history, Emerson's study, and Thoreau's belongings from Walden. Special guided tours for school children.

200 Lexington Road (junction Rte. 2A and Cambridge Turnpike) 617-369-9609. Hours: 10-4:30 Mon.-Sat., 2-4:30 Sun. Closed Nov.-Feb. **Fee**

Concord Art Association

Art gallery with changing exhibits and sculpture garden.

15 Lexington Rd. (Rte. 2A) 617-369-2578. Hours: mid-Feb. to mid-Dec. 11-4:30 Tues.-Sat., 2-4:30 Sun. **Fee for non-members.**

Minuteman National Historical Park—The North Bridge Visitor Center

Exhibits and salesroom in former mansion. Grounds include flower garden, historic North Bridge, and "Minuteman" statue by Daniel Chester French.

Liberty St. 617-369-6993. Hours: June 1-Aug. 31 8-6 Daily; Sept. 1-May 31 8:30-5 Daily. (Also, May, Sept. & Oct. 9-6 weekends).

Orchard House

Home of the Alcott family where Louisa May Alcott wrote *Little Women.* On the grounds is Bronson Alcott's School of Philosophy.

399 Lexington Rd. (Rte. 2A). 617-369-4118. Hours: Mid-April to mid-Nov. 10-4:30 Mon.-Sat., 1-4:30 Sun. **Fee**

Emerson House

Furnished home where Ralph Waldo Emerson lived from 1835-1882.

Cambridge Turnpike. 617-369-2236. Hours: April 1-Nov. 1, 10-4:30 Mon.-Sat., 2-4:30 Sun. **Fee**

The Thoreau Lyceum

Memorabilia of Henry David Thoreau, replica of Walden cabin, research library, and changing exhibits.

156 Belknap St. 617-369-5912. Hours: 10-5 Mon.-Sat., 2-5 Sun. Closed Mondays Dec.-March. **Fee**

Old Manse

Home of both Emerson and Nathaniel Hawthorne with period furnishings.

Monument Street (next to North Bridge). 617-369-5518. Hours: May 1-Oct. 15 10-4:30 Mon.-Sat., 1-4:30 Sun.; April 10-May 31 and Oct. 15-Nov. 11, Sat. & Sun only. **Fee**

The Wayside

Home of several famous Concord citizens including the Alcotts, the Hawthornes, and Margaret Sidney.

Lexington Rd. (Rte. 2A). 617-369-6993. Hours: April, May, Sept., Oct. 10-5:30 Thurs.-Mon.; June 1-Aug. 31 10-5:30 Daily. **Fee**

Sleepy Hollow Cemetery

Author's Ridge includes graves of Emerson, Thoreau, the Alcotts, Hawthorne, Margaret Sidney.

Near Concord Center.

Follow Route 2 west to Route 111 to *Harvard*:

Fruitlands Museum

Museum buildings in a pastoral setting include the Fruitlands farmhouse (site of the Bronson Alcott Transendental living experiment), Shaker House, American Indian Museum, and Picture Gallery of American Primitives and Hudson River School paintings.

Prospect Hill. 617-456-3924. Hours: May 30-Sept. 30, 1-5 Tues.-Sun. **Fee**

Take Route 111 east to Route 495 north to *Lowell*:

Lowell Museum

Exhibits of early industrial technology and history of factory life which show development of Lowell from rural agricultural society to thriving industrial city. Walking tours.

562 Suffolk St. 617-459-6782. Hours: 10-5 Tues.-Sat., 1-5 Sun. **Fee**

Take Route 495 north to Route 28 south exit to *Andover*:

Addison Gallery of American Art

Collection includes American painting, sculpture, prints and drawings, photography, and changing exhibits.

Phillips Academy. 617-475-7515. Hours: 10-5 Tues.-Sat., 2:30-5 Sun.

Robert S. Peabody Foundation for Archaeology

Collections of archaeological artifacts from New England, Canada, and the Southwest.

Corner of Phillips and Main (on Rte. 28). 617-475-0248. Hours: 8-4 Mon.-Fri., 9-5 Sat., 2-5 Sun.

Take Route 495 north to Mass. Ave. exit to *North Andover*:

Merrimack Valley Textile Museum

History of American textile industry from the 18th- to the 20th-century. Demonstrations of spinning, weaving and other cloth-making techniques.

800 Massachusetts Ave. 617-686-0191. Hours: 9-5 Mon.-Fri., 1-5 Sat., Sun. **Demonstration fee Sunday only.**

North Andover Historical Society

Collection of local history including tools, lighting devices, furniture, and household items. The Parson Barnard House (179 Osgood Street) was built in 1715 and has been preserved to show the architectural evolution of the house.

153 Academy Rd. 617-686-4035. Hours: 1-5 Sun. **Fee**

Stevens-Coolidge Place

Early New England farm property with house built c. 1800 and restored in the Colonial Revival style exhibits fine examples of decorative arts and household furnishings. Formal gardens.

Andover Rd. (east of Rte. 125). 617-698-2066 (Trustees of Reservations, Milton) Hours: Gardens open May 15-Oct. 12, 8-5:30 Tues.-Sun. House open year-round 1-5 Sun. only. **Fee.** *Or by appointment, or by mail: Attn. Hostess, 5 Woodlane, North Andover, MA 01845*

Take Route 495 north to *Haverhill*:

Haverhill Historical Society "The Buttonwoods"

Various collections of artifacts pertaining to local history including the Hannah Duston collection, shoes and old shoe shop, and the 17th-century John Ward House.

240 Water St. 617-374-4626. Hours: Summer: 1-5 Mon.-Sat.; Winter: 2-5 Tues., Thurs., Sat. **Fee**

John Greenleaf Whittier Birthplace

The reputedly 17th-century farmhouse was the birthplace of this American poet and abolitionist. Collection of papers are displayed at the Haverhill Public Library.

Off Route 110. 617-373-3979. Hours: 10-5 Tues.-Sat., 1-5 Sun. **Fee**

Take Route 495 north to Route 150 north to *Amesbury*:

The Bartlett Museum

Old Victorian school house has exhibits on local and natural history.

270 Main St. 617-388-3817. Hours: May 30-Sept. 30, 1-5 Tues.-Sun. **Fee**

John Greenleaf Whittier Home

This 1820 house contains furnishings and manuscripts of the poet.

86 Friend St. 617-388-1337. Hours: 10-5 Tues.-Sat. **Fee**

Take Route 495 to Route 110 to Route 1 south to *Newburyport*:

Custom House Maritime Museum of Newburyport

Collection of maritime artifacts includes marine paintings and exotica brought by seamen from foreign lands.

25 Water St., 617-462-8681. Hours: Memorial Day-Labor Day 11-5 Mon.-Sat., 2-5 Sun. **Fee**

Historical Society of Old Newbury (The Cushing House)

A Federal period mansion that once belonged to a wealthy and socially prominent family now displays historical collections including ceramics, furniture, glass, and embroidered samplers.

98 High St. 617-462-2681. Hours: May-Oct. 10-4 Tues.-Sat., 2-5 Sun.; November by appointment. **Fee**

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

Natural refuge for waterfowl and shore birds includes trails through marshes and almost seven miles of sandy beach for wildlife observation. Swimming permitted.

Plum Island. 617-465-5753. Hours: Year-round dawn to dusk

Take Route 1A south to *Newbury*:

The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities maintains four historic houses in Newbury that have been restored and contain collections of period furnishings and household items: Coffin House, Dole-Little House, Short House, Swett-Ilsley House.

All the houses are on High Rd. 617-227-3956. Hours: June 1-Sept. 30, 1-5 Tues., Thurs., Sun. **Fee**

Take Route 1A south to *Ipswich*:

Ipswich Historical Society

The John Whipple House, built 1640, is a fine example of early American architecture with period furnishings and a colonial herb garden. The John Heard House, built 1795, across the street once belonged to a wealthy sea-faring family and contains Chinese ceramics and furniture.

S. Main St. 617-356-2811. Hours: April 15-Nov. 1, 10-5 Tues.-Sat., 1-5 Sun. **Fee**

Richard T. Crane, Jr. Memorial Reservation

Wide beaches and marshland make it an enjoyable spot for swimming, hiking, and nature study. Interpretive trail.

Argilla Rd. Hours: Year-round. Swimming facilities open May 30-Labor Day, 8-sunset. **Fee**

Castle Hill

The former Crane estate built in the 1920's is now the site of summer concerts and classes in the performing arts. Formal grounds open to public. Picnicing at Steep Hill Beach.

Argilla Rd. 617-356-4351.

Take Route 133 east to *Essex*:

Essex Shipbuilding Museum

Museum collection includes shipbuilding tools and town memorabilia.

Main St. 617-768-7541. Hours: Opening late spring. Weekends only.

Take Route 133 east to Route 128 to *Gloucester*:

Beauport

A 20th-century recreation of rooms of various decorative styles designed by Henry Sleeper, American interior designer. Owned by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

Eastern Point Boulevard. 617-227-3956. Hours: June 1-Sept. 30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 Mon.-Fri. Guided tours. **Fee**

Cape Ann Historical Association

Federal period Capt. Elias Davis House and museum have exhibits pertaining to the town's maritime history and fine seascape paintings by FitzHugh Lane.

27 Pleasant St. 617-283-0455. Hours: 11-4 Tues.-Sat. **Fee**

Gloucester Story Museum

Films, slides and "hands on" artifacts depict the history of the schooner and fishing industries of Gloucester.

180 Main St. 617-283-1940. Hours: June 1-Oct. 31 10-5 Mon.-Fri., 12-5 Sun. After October by appointment.

The Hammond Museum, Inc.

Former home of John Hays Hammond, Jr. was built in the style of a medieval castle and overlooks the ocean. Collections of medieval artifacts include furniture and tapestries. Tours and organ concerts.

80 Hesperus Ave. 617-283-2080. Hours: Summer: 10-4 Daily; Winter: Please call for hours and concert schedule. **Fee**

The Sargent-Murray-Gilman-Hough House

An 18th-century house with period furnishings and Revolutionary history.

49 Middle St. 617-281-2432. Hours: June-Oct. 1-5 Tues., Thurs., Sat. or by appointment. **Fee**

Detour Route 127 north to *Rockport*:

James Babson Museum

Early cooper's shop, built 1658, with tools of the barrel-making trade.

Beaver Dam. 617-546-2958. Hours: July-August 2-5 Tues.-Sun. Other times by appointment.

Rockport Art Association

Art association with changing exhibits, concerts, classes, demonstrations, and lectures.

12 Main St. at Old Tavern. 617-546-6604. Hours: Summer: 9:30-5 Mon.-Sat., 1-5 Sun.; Winter: 9:30-4:30 Mon.-Sat., 1-5 Sun.

Sandy Bay Historical Society and Museum, Inc.

Housed in the Sewall-Scripture House, built 1832, which contains period furnishings and local history artifacts. Granite quarries exhibit.

40 King St. Hours: July 1-Labor Day 2-5 Daily. Other times write for appointment.

Return to Route 128 south to Route 1A north to *Wenham*:

Wenham Historical Association and Museum, Inc.

Housed in the Claflin-Richard House, built 1662, the museum includes an extensive collection of costumed dolls, toys, miniature houses, and two shoe shops.

132 Main St. 617-468-2377. Hours: 1-4 Mon.-Fri., 2-5 Sun. **Fee**

Return to Route 128 west and take Route 97 north to *Topsfield*:

Ipswich River Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary

Massachusetts Audubon Society's largest sanctuary with 2,500 acres of marshes, ponds, and meadows that can be explored on hiking trails. Natural history tours, and education programs.

Perkins Row (off Route 97). 617-887-2241. Hours: 9-4 Mon.-Fri. **Parking fee for non-members.**

Topsfield Historical Society

Housed in the Parson Capen House, built 1683, and restored with early American furnishings and historical exhibits.

1 Howlett St. 617-887-8074. Hours: mid-June–mid-Sept. 1-4:30 Daily. **Fee**

Return to Route 128 south to Exit 24 to *Danvers*:

Rebecca Nurse Homestead

House built 1678 where lived Rebecca Nurse who was condemned as a witch and hanged in Salem in 1692. Furnishings from 17th and 18th centuries.

149 Pine St. 617-777-2821. Hours: June 1-Sept. 30, 1-5 Wed., 10-5 Sat., 1-5 Sun. **Fee**

Samuel Fowler House

Country Federal-style house built 1810 is restored, furnished, and maintained by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

166 High St. (Danversport). 617-227-3956. Hours: June 1-Sept. 30, 1-5 Tues., Thurs., Sun. **Fee**

Danvers Historical Society

Historic houses owned by the Society include the Jeremiah Page House, built 1754, and Glen Magna, a country estate built 1799 with formal gardens and a Samuel McIntire Tea House built 1792.

13 Page St. 617-777-2821. Hours: June 15-Aug. 15, 2-5 Wed. Glen Magna: June 1-Sept. 30, 1-4 Tues.-Fri. **Fee for Glen Magna only**

Take Route 62 (Elliot Street) east into *Beverly*:

Beverly Historical Society

The 1781 John Cabot Mansion has exhibits of local history. Other historic houses are the John Balch House, 1635, and the John Hale House, 1694.

117 Cabot St. 617-922-1186. Hours: Vary with each house. **Fee**

Take Route 1A south to *Salem*:

Essex Institute

Historical museum relating the history of Essex County maintains several houses of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries on the grounds. Especially fine are the Samuel McIntire mansions of the Federal period built by wealthy sea merchants in the early 1800's. Excellent collections of furniture and decorative arts.

132 Essex St. 617-744-3390. Hours: Vary with each house. **Fee**

House of Seven Gables

The 1668 House of Seven Gables was the inspiration for Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel and contains some of the author's furniture. Three other 17th-century houses including the author's birthplace are open summer only.

54 Turner St. 617-744-0991. Hours: Labor Day-June 10-4:30 Daily; July-Labor Day 9:30-7:30 Daily. **Fee**

Peabody Museum of Salem

Maritime history of New England, life at sea, China Trade; art and technology of the Far East, the South Pacific, and other non-European peoples; animals, birds, rocks and minerals of Essex County. Changing exhibits and salesroom.

161 Essex St. 617-745-9500. Hours: 9-5 Mon.-Sat., 1-5 Sun. **Fee**

Ropes Mansion

A gambrel-roofed house filled with fine furniture, Chinese porcelain, and memorabilia of the family that continuously lived in it for almost two hundred years. The formal city garden dates from the early 1900's and displays many varieties of plants and shrubs.

318 Essex St. 617-744-0718. Hours: May-Nov. 1, 10-4 Mon.-Sat. **Fee**

Salem Maritime National Historic Site

The old Custom House on historic Derby Wharf is now a museum of the maritime and commercial history that brought prosperity to Salem in the days of privateering and foreign trade. Among the other historic buildings is the Derby House, the oldest brick house in Salem, built in 1761 for the wealthy merchant, Elias Hasket Derby.

Derby St. 617-744-4323. Hours: Winter: 8:30-5 Daily; Summer: 8:30-7 Daily. **Fee for Derby House only.**

Take Route 114 east to *Marblehead*:

Marblehead Historical Society

The Col. Jeremiah Lee Mansion, one of the finest Georgian mansions in the country (1768), displays interior carvings, original wallpapers, and an excellent collection of period furnishings. Colonial garden.

161 Washington St. 617-631-1069. Hours: mid-May–mid-Oct. 9:30-4 Mon.-Sat. **Fee**

The painting, "Spirit of '76", is on view inside Abbott Hall in the center of Washington Square.
Walk through the historic town to old Fort Sewall where cannon protected the U.S.S. Constitution and kept British warships from entering the harbor during the War of 1812.

Take Route 129 south to Route 1 south to *Saugus*:

Saugus Ironworks National Historic Site

Reconstruction of earliest industrial site in America. 17th-century Ironmaster's House with period furnishings. Working blacksmith and live carpentry exhibit in summer months.

244 Central St. 617-233-0050. Hours: April-Oct. 9-5 Daily. Guided tours. Nov.-March 9-4 Daily. Self-guided.

Follow Route 1 to Route 60 west to *Medford*:

Royall House

An 18th-century mansion with fine furnishings, exterior carvings, and an interesting Revolutionary history.

15 George St. 617-396-9032. Hours: May 1-Oct. 15, 2-5 Daily except Mon. and Fri. **Fee**

Take Route 93 south towards Boston and exit to *Charlestown*:

Bunker Hill Battlefield and Monument

Two hundred and twenty foot tall granite obelisk offers fine view of Boston and harbor. Audio-interpretation of revolutionary Battle of Bunker Hill.

Monument Square. 617-242-1700. Hours: Winter: 9-4 Daily; Summer: 9-6 Daily. **Fee**

Bunker Hill Museum

Local history artifacts and exhibits, lectures, films, and drama. Salesroom.

43 Monument Square. 617-241-8220. Hours: 12-4 Tues.-Fri., 10-4 Sat., Sun.

Bunker Hill Pavilion

Revolutionary history multi-media presentation called, *Whites of Their Eyes.*

Water Street. 617-241-7575. Hours: June-Aug. 9:30-6:30 Daily; Sept.-May 9:30-4:30 Daily. **Fee**

***U.S.S. Constitution* "Old Ironsides"**

Forty-four gun frigate launched 1797, cannon displayed, guided tours of ship's quarters.

Boston Naval Shipyard. Hours: 9:30-4 Daily

U.S.S. Constitution Museum

Memorabilia and manuscripts relating to U.S.S. Constitution.

Boston Naval Shipyard. 617-242-0543. Hours: 9-5 Daily. **Fee**

From Charlestown take Route 93 south and exit for Storrow Drive. Follow to Kenmore Square exit. Follow Beacon Street to *Brookline*:

Brookline Historical Society

18th-century Edward Devotion House contains family furnishings, memorabilia, and local history. Also Chandler portraits of Ebenezer and Martha Devotion.

347 Harvard St. Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 2:30-5 by appt.

John F. Kennedy National Historic Site

The birthplace of President Kennedy has been restored by Mrs. Rose Kennedy and contains some family furnishings from 1917.

83 Beals St. 617-566-7937. Hours: 9-4:30 Daily. **Fee**

Mary Baker Eddy Museum

A former estate houses portraits, manuscripts and memorabilia of the early history of Christian Science and its founder, Mary Baker Eddy.

120 Seaver St. 617-227-8943. Hours: April 1-Oct. 31, 10-5 Tues.-Sat., 1-5 Sun.; Nov. 1-March 31, 10-4 Tues.-Sat., 1-4 Sun. Closed February. **Fee**

The Mother Church and Christian Science Center in Boston and the historic Mary Baker Eddy houses in Amesbury, Lynn, Swampscott, and Stoughton are open for more information.

Museum of Transportation

Collections of bicycles, carriages, motor vehicles, graphics used in ways to explore and explain the role of transportation in our lives.

15 Newton St. Larz Anderson Park. 617-521-1200. Hours: 10-5 Tues.-Sun. **Fee.**

Take Route 9 west to *Wellesley*:

Wellesley College Museum

Art Collection includes European, American and Oriental paintings, drawings and sculpture.

Jewett Arts Center. 617-235-0320 ext. 314. Hours: 8:30-5 Mon.-Fri. 8:30-12, 1-5 Sat., 2-5 Sun. Closed June-August.

Margaret C. Ferguson Greenhouses

Fourteen greenhouses present varying landscapes including a desert garden, orchid house, and tropical house.

Wellesley College. 617-235-0320. ext. 637. Hours: 8-4:30 Daily.

Take Route 9 west to *Framingham*:

Danforth Museum

Community museum with changing art exhibits and special events. Small permanent collection including painting, sculpture and graphics.

123 Union Ave. 617-620-0050. Hours: 1-4:30 Wed.-Sun.

The Will C. Curtis Garden in the Woods

A forty-eight acre wildflower sanctuary containing a large number of species and varieties of native American plants. Owned and maintained by the New England Wild Flower Society, Inc.

Hemenway Rd. 617-877-6574. Hours: April 1-Nov. 1, 8:30-4:30 Mon.-Sat. **Fee for non-members**

From the rotary on Route 9 in Framingham, take Edgell Road north to Route 20 west to *Sudbury*:

Longfellow's Wayside Inn

The oldest operating inn in the country on the original Boston Post Road was the inspiration for Longfellow's poem, "Tales of a Wayside Inn." Historic furnished rooms include Longfellow's bedroom. The rural setting of the inn includes a Grist Mill and 18th-century red schoolhouse.

Route 20. 617-443-8846. Hours: 9-6 Daily. **Fee**

Take Route 20 east to *Weston*:

Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum

Only stamp museum in the U.S. displays many rare collections.

235 Wellesley St. (Regis College). 617-894-6735. Hours: 9:30-2:30 Tues., Thur., 2-5 Sun., or by appointment. **Fee**

Case Estates of Arnold Arboretum

A former estate owned by the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University has many varieties of trees, flowers, and ground covers on 112 acres.

135 Wellesley St. 617-524-1717. Hours: April-Sept. 9-6 Daily.

Take Route 20 east to *Waltham*:

Rose Art Museum

Collections include Oceanic Art, early ceramics, and modern and contemporary paintings and sculpture. Changing exhibits of contemporary art.

Brandeis University. 617-647-2402. Hours: 1-5 Tues.-Sun. Closed during winter vacation and August.

American Jewish Historical Society

Library and archives, changing exhibits, audio-visual presentation showing history of Jewish people in Western hemisphere.

2 Thornton Rd. (on Brandeis University campus). 617-891-8110. Hours: 9-5 Mon.-Fri., 2-5 Sun. (early closing on Fri. during winter)

Gore Place

Federal period estate built by Christopher Gore, Governor of Massachusetts from 1809-10. The mansion contains twenty-two rooms with fine period furnishings.

52 Gore St. 617-894-2798. Hours: April 15-Nov. 15, 10-5 Tues.-Sat., 2-5 Sun. **Fee**

Lyman House "The Vale"

A country estate designed by Samuel McIntire in the late 18th century displays the fine decorative carvings of the Federal period. The landscaped grounds and greenhouses are owned and maintained by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

Lyman St. 617-227-3956. Hours: July 4-Labor Day, Tues.-Thurs. Tours given 11, 12, 1, 2, 3 **Fee**

Take Route 20 east to *Watertown*:

Museum on the History of Blindness, Perkins School for the Blind

The Museum's collections include a picture history of blindness and letters written by Helen Keller to show development and history of the education of the blind.

175 N. Beacon St. 617-924-3434. Hours: 8:30-12:10 and 1:10-5 Mon.-Fri. Check hours during summer

From Watertown Square cross over the Charles River to Washington Street in *Newton*:

The Jackson Homestead

Once an Underground Railroad stop for runaway slaves, the house and furnishings of the early 1800's are maintained by the city to display historic collections and present local historic events.

527 Washington St. 617-332-3920. Hours: 2-4 Mon.-Fri. for tours. Research and groups by appointment.

Take Soldiers Field Road along the river back to Boston.

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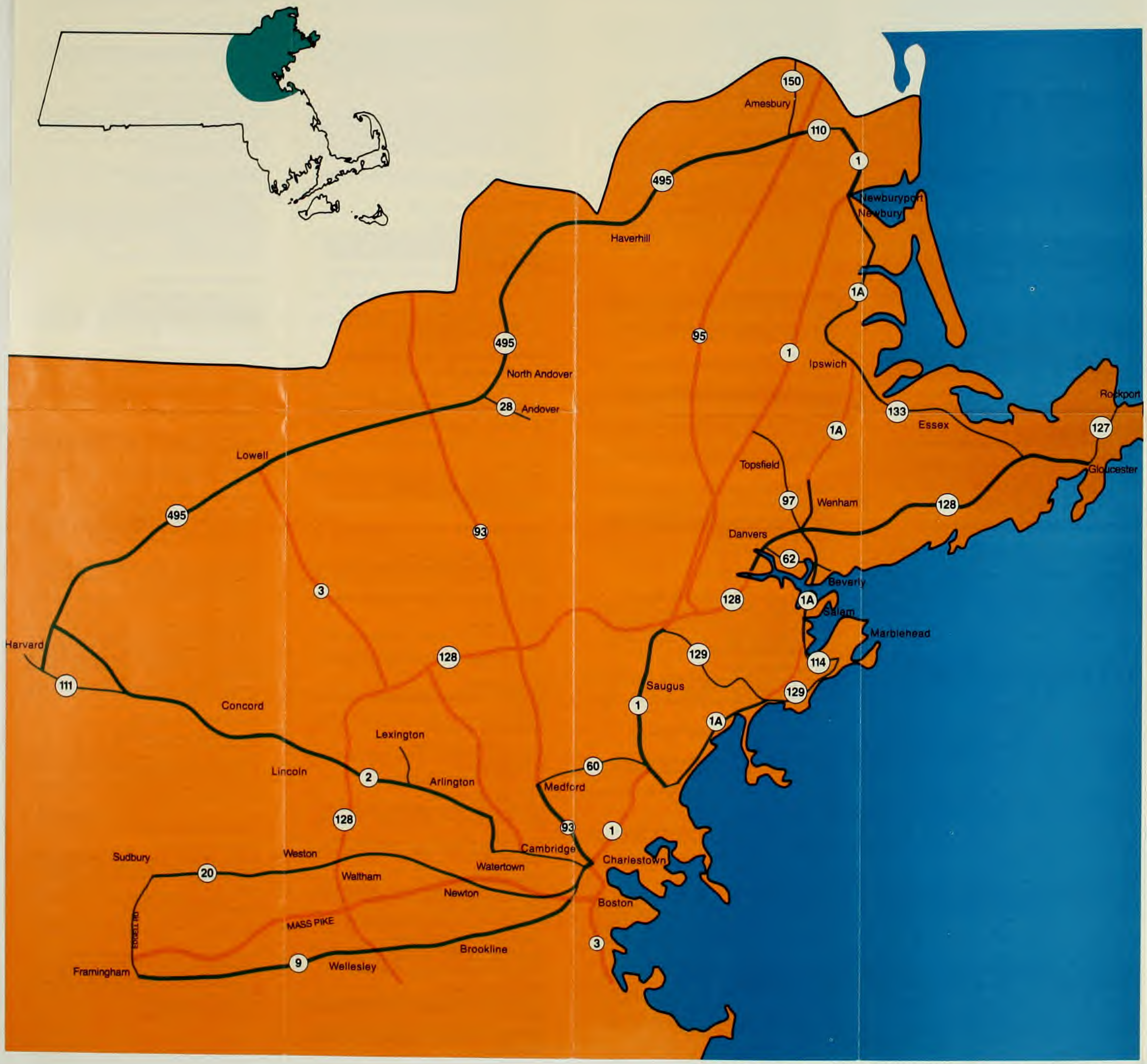

Metropolitan Boston and the North Shore

In Boston you can walk the centuries, from the North End's Puritan Era streets, past Bulfinch townhouses on Beacon Hill and Gilded Era mansions of the Back Bay, by the Victorian residences of the South End, to Symphony Hall, the Fenway and museums. Fifteen sites linked by the Freedom Trail National Park trace moments of the city's history from the 1628 charter of the Massachusetts Bay Company, on view in the State House Annex, to William Lloyd Garrison's fiery speech in the Park Street Church which launched the state's crusade against slavery in 1829.

Boston's center has come full circle over the centuries. Its first streets radiated from a site between the Old State House and the New City Hall, within a few steps of the renovated Quincy Marketplace and waterfront. Just as it did 200 years ago, this compact area still harbors the city's financial center—now contained in glass and steel skyscrapers—overlooking the old open air market and the age-mellowed wharves where Bostonians have always lived, shopped and strolled.

The same striking mixture of the centuries can be seen in the towns north and west of Boston. Buildings from the Revolution through the Space Age stand side by side along their streets, and traces of Puritan and seafaring days, of 19th century wealth, reversals and religions often overlap in one many-layered house.

In Salem, Tudor-brown and peaked homes shoulder the mansions of Indian Trade merchants and old, brick factories. In Cambridge, a Georgian mansion built for a Tory and later occupied by George Washington, is now restored with furnishings and memorabilia dating from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's occupancy. And "Wayside" in Concord began as shelter for a 17th-century farmer, housed a drummer boy for the Minutemen, later was enlarged by Bronson Alcott (it was the setting for *Little Women*), was topped with a tower study by Nathaniel Hawthorne, and currently looks as it did when owned by the author of *The Five Little Peppers*, Margaret Sidney.

Essex County first looked to the sea for wealth. In Gloucester, where the fishing fleet still numbers over 100 boats, pursuit of the cod began in 1623. In Marblehead, homes cluster around the Old Town House, their token gardens recalling that fishermen, not farmers, were permitted to live downtown. Shipbuilding began by the mid-17th century in Essex, across from the modern row of fish restaurants, and also in Newburyport, a city later famed, along with Medford, for the speed of clipper ships produced in its shipyards. Salem vessels pioneered a number of routes to "the farthest points of the rich East", as commemorated in the city seal. To house their exotic treasures, Salem families commissioned Samuel McIntire to build them architectural ones, and they founded the East India Marine Society, now the immense and unique Peabody Museum.

At Beverly in 1784, the Cabot family invested their China Trade wealth in the country's first cotton-spinning mill. In the first decade of the 19th century, Francis Cabot Lowell selected the confluence of the Merrimack and Concord rivers as site for the country's first city to be planned and built entirely by one industrial corporation, also America's first. By the 1840's, Lowell was world-known as an "Industrial Utopia" and Lawrence, patterned on it, was attracting trainloads of Bostonians to breathe its air and stroll its parks.

Hundreds of thousands of people are here today because their parents came from more than fifty countries to work in Lowell and Lawrence textile mills, in the shoe plants of Beverly, Peabody and Lynn, and in the factories to be found along every river north and east of Boston. Lowell is now restoring its canals and has opened a museum and a national urban park to tell its story. Old factories throughout the region have been recycled; some now bear the cryptic initials of technology-based firms generated in recent years by proximity to world-famous universities such as Harvard and M.I.T.

Despite its centuries of intensive use, there is a powerful sense of resiliency in this long-settled area around Boston. Perhaps it is due to the young people who come here to study and remain to live, revitalizing fine old homes disguised by neglect, and creating and patronizing the arts, shops and restaurants in Cambridge, Newburyport and Salem. Perhaps it is due to the vitality of so many ethnic groups—mingling but unhomogenized, and to the indomitable presence of the old Yankee bluebloods. Certainly it is enhanced by the natural beauty of this land—by the stretches of coastal sand and rock, of wetland meadow and woods—which have been preserved by the area's towns and by such pioneer conservation groups as the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Trustees of Reservations.

Writing about his own hometown, novelist J. P. Marquand captured the sense of age and freshness which distinguishes this entire area when he wrote, "Newburyport has gone through all the nation's wars, starting with the Indians, and through all the depressions too; and there is a lot of life in the old town yet."

Christina Tree

Note: Massachusetts has nearly 500 historical agencies, many of which have fine collections. For further information, contact the Bay State Historical League, Room 27, State House, Boston 02108. 617-742-7978. Hours: 10-2 Mon., Wed., Fri. The Bureau of Vacation Travel and local tourist councils also have extensive information. Write to Massachusetts Box 1775, Boston, MA 02105.

Museum hours and fees do change. The visitor is advised to telephone to make sure that specific items are on display. Unless otherwise noted, the organizations listed are open year round.

Start in *Boston:*

While you're in the Boston area, be sure to enjoy a performance of dance, mime, music or theatre. Boston and Cambridge have more than 70 performing arts groups, many of national repute. The daily and weekly papers publish extensive calendars of activities complete with box office phone numbers. ARTS/Boston publishes *Boston on Stage* monthly, and the Greater Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau Inc. publishes *Boston ByWeek.* In addition, the Bureau has a visitor information service. Dial 338-1976 Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for live visitor assistance. On Saturdays and Sundays and after 5:00 p.m., you will receive a recorded message with the day's events. The Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs prepares ARTSLINE, a daily recorded listing of performances and arts activities taking place around the city. For information, dial 261-1660.

Start at the Boston Common and walk the Freedom Trail. Information is available at the Visitor Information Center, Boston Common, and the Boston City Hall Hospitality Center.

617-338-1976 or 742-4528. Hours: Boston Common Center: 9-5 Daily. City Hall Center: 9-5 Mon.-Fri.; 9-5 Daily during the summer.

The Arnold Arboretum

A research collection of living trees and shrubs, established in 1872 and maintained by Harvard University, is open to the public. Its 265 acres contain over 6,000 labelled plants hardy in the Boston area.

The Arborway, Jamaica Plain. 617-524-1717. Hours: Grounds: dawn to dusk. Administration building: 9-5 Mon.-Fri.

The Boston Public Library

Book collection of 4 million. Original building, opened in 1895, houses the Wiggins print gallery, rare book exhibits, noted sculpture, including doors executed by Daniel Chester French, and murals by Abby, Sargent, and Puvis de Chavannes. Beautiful central courtyard. Contemporary addition by Philip Johnson includes changing exhibits in the Boston Room.

Copley Square. 617-536-5400. Hours: 9-9 Mon.-Fri., 9-6 Sat. Call for exhibit hours.

The Children's Museum

Special participatory exhibits as well as exhibits on natural history, and Native American, Japanese and other cultures.

The Jamaicaway. 617-522-4800. "What's Up?" line: 522-5454. Hours: 2-5 Tues.-Fri., 10-5 Sat. and Sun. **Fee**

The Christian Science Center

Mapparium in the Christian Science Publishing Society building is a 30-ft. globe constructed of stained glass through which visitors can walk on a clear glass bridge. Noted for its remarkable acoustics.

Corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Huntington Ave. 617-262-2300. Hours: April-Oct.: 8-4 Mon.-Fri., 8:15-4 Sat. & holidays, 12-4:45 Sun; Oct.-April: 8-4 Mon.-Fri., 8:15-3:45 Sat. & holidays, 12-2:45 Sun.

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Turn of the century building in the style of a 15th-century Venetian palace, houses Isabella Stewart Gardner's fine collection of sculpture, decorative arts and paintings, including works of Titian, Rembrandt, Botticelli, Sargent and Whistler. Central courtyard with year-round flower displays. Free concerts: Sept.-June: Tues. 8:00 p.m., Thurs. & Sun. 4:00 p.m.

2 Palace Rd. 617-566-1401. Hours: 1-9:30 Tues., 1-5:30 Wed.-Sun.; July-Aug. 1-5:30 Tues.-Sun. **Fee on Sunday only**

The Gibson House

One of the first houses built after the Back Bay was filled in, this Victorian brownstone town house (1859) contains furnishings from 1859-1900.

137 Beacon St. 617-267-6338. Hours: 2-5 Tues.-Sun., except holidays. **Fee**

The Institute of Contemporary Art

Renovated 19th-century police station, built in neo-Romanesque style of H. H. Richardson, now houses changing exhibitions of contemporary work, including local artists.

955 Boylston St. 617-266-5152; recorded information: 266-5151. Hours: 10-5 Tues.-Sat., 10-9 Wed., 12-5 Sun. **Fee** *(Free Wed. 2-9).*

Museum of Afro-American History

Exhibits related to the history of Afro-Americans in New England. New location in fall 1977: the 1806 African Meeting House, 8 Smith Court, oldest extant black church in America.

719 Tremont St. 617-445-7400. Hours: 11-5 Tues.-Fri., 1-5 Sun. **Fee**

Museum of the American China Trade

A former mansion of the Greek Revival period houses a fine collection of porcelain, furnishings, and memorabilia of the China Trade in New England.

215 Adams St., Milton (By MBTA: take the Ashmont train to Ashmont and continue on the Mattapan trolley to Milton Lower Mills) 617-696-1815. Hours: 2-5 Tues.-Sat. Fee

The Museum of Fine Arts

Extensive collections of Classical, Egyptian, and Asian Art, American and European Decorative Arts and Sculpture, Textiles, Prints and Drawings, and Contemporary Art. Special exhibits throughout the year.

465 Huntington Ave. 617-267-9300. Hours: 10-9 Tues., 10-5 Wed-Sun. **Fee**

Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists

Permanent, special and loan exhibits of black American, African and Caribbean art. Performance and educational programs affiliated with the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts. New location in Neo-Gothic mansion (1856) in Roxbury currently under restoration, 300 Walnut Ave.

122 Elm Hill Ave., Dorchester. 617-442-8820. Hours: 12-6 Tues.-Thurs., 12-9 Fri., 1-4 Sat. & Sun.

The Museum of Science

Do-it-yourself exhibits on space, environment, technology, man and medicine. The Hayden Planetarium offers daily sky-shows.

Science Park. 617-723-2500; recorded information: 742-6088. Hours: 10-5 Mon.-Thurs., Sat., 10-10 Fri., 11-5 Sun. **Fee**

New England Aquarium

Live marine life, including dolphin and sea-lion performances, and exhibits on the ocean environment and maritime history.

Central Wharf. 617-742-8830; recorded information: 742-8870. Hours: 9-5 Mon.-Thurs., 9-9 Fri., 9-6 Sat.-Sun., holidays. **Fee**

New England Historic Genealogical Society

Research library on local and family history.

101 Newbury St. 617-536-5740. Hours: 9-4:45 Mon.-Sat., closed holidays. **Fee**

The Nichols House Museum

Former home of Rose Standish Nichols, writer, landscape architect, and leader in the international peace movement of the early 20th century, is attributed to Charles Bulfinch. Federal-period furnishings and embroidery exhibits.

55 Mount Vernon St. 617-227-6993. Hours: 1-5 Mon., Wed., and Sat. **Fee**

The Harrison Gray Otis House

The first of three houses (1796) designed by Bulfinch for Otis, prominent lawyer, mayor of Boston, and member of Congress, now serves as headquarters of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. Contains furniture and portraits from the Federal period.

141 Cambridge St. 617-227-3956. Hours: 9-5 Mon.-Fri., Tours at 10, 11, 1, 2, 3. **Fee**

Women's City Club of Boston

Adjoining twin Federal/Greek Revival mansions, built in 1818 and attributed to Alexander Parris, are elegantly furnished in the manner of 19th-century town houses.

40 Beacon St. 617-227-3550. Hours: 10-4 Wed. **Fee**

Take Route 2 west or the MBTA red line to *Cambridge.*

Walk through historic Harvard Yard, site of the nation's oldest college, founded 1636. For tour information call: 617-495-1000.